

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 136

By Tidwell

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. Albert Ellison upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Albert Ellison, who has devoted more than 46 years to the education and instruction of high school students and athletes; on March 17, 2007, Mr. Ellison will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Albert Ellison has been involved in basketball since his days as a third-grader in Cedar Creek, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison remains a legend in the realm of Tennessee high school basketball; in the 1956 State Tournament at Vanderbilt, he scored 119 points to break his record of 112 from the previous year and finished that season with 1,008 points, bringing his four-year total to 2,644 points, a state record at that time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellison was Tennessee's first and one of only three players from the Southeast to be named to *Scholastic Magazine's* first All-America high school team in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the late coaching legend Willie Hudson, a 1998 inductee into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, rated Albert Ellison as the greatest player he had ever coached; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Ellison began his teaching and coaching career after graduating from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and has been coaching ever since; he earned a Master's Degree in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Albert Ellison has taught and coached at schools in Kentucky, Indiana, and Mississippi, as well as Tennessee schools such as Perry County, Hardin County, and Lewis County; he has been at Frank Hughes High School in Clifton for seven years; in thirty-seven years of coaching, his teams have won 676 games to date; and

WHEREAS, even today Mr. Ellison retains his basketball talent; in 1996, at a program that was part of a Perry County High School holiday tournament and reunion, he astonished the crowd by making 22 of 30 baskets from beyond the three-point line; and

WHEREAS, Albert Ellison was indeed fortunate enough to have shared his life with his loving wife, the late Martha Millard Ellison, and together they raised four children: Jeffrey, Barbara, David, and Donnie Ray; and

WHEREAS, for his many accomplishments both on and off the court, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Albert Ellison has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Albert Ellison is a man of true character and commitment, and he exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts in molding the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards, whether on the athletic fields or in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family, friends, and colleagues of Mr. Albert Ellison in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend Mr. Ellison for his substantial legacy as a teacher and coach, and offer our thanks for the dedication which he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.